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Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.—*Psalm cxxxii.*, 8, 9.

ROBERTS PARK

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

AND

DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

AUGUST 27, 1876.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God. It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.—*Psalm c.*, 2-4.

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ROBERTS PARK

Methodist Episcopal Church.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

—AND—

DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

How amiable are thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the Living God. *Psalm lxxxiv.*, 1, 2.

ROBERTS PARK

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

DEDICATION, AUGUST 27, 1876.

REV. GILBERT DE LA MATYR, D.D., *Pastor*.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks; unto thee do we give thanks; for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare.—*Psalm lxxv*, 1.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH.

9:00 A. M.—General Class.

10:30 A. M.—Dedication Sermon,
BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON.

2:00 P. M.—Sunday-school Services.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon,
REV. J. P. NEWMAN, D.D.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH.

8:00 P. M.—Reunion of former Pastors, and Love Feast.
REV. FERNANDO C. HOLLIDAY, D.D., Conductor.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. Bring an offering, and come into his courts."—*Psalm xcvi*, 8.

MEMBERS

OF

ROBERTS PARK QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Rev. FERNANDO C. HOLLIDAY, D.D., Elder.
Rev. GILBERT DE LA MATYR, D.D., Pastor.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

James King,
J. D. Crouch,
John B. Abbett,
I. B. Hetinger.

STEWARDS.

Isaac N. Phipps,
Sam'l Beck,
John W. Tutewiler,
John W. Adams,
John A. Wilkens.
William Love,
John M. Olcott,
Edward M. Wilmington,
James C. Wheat,
Winfield S. Lynn,
Omer Tousey.

LEADERS.

T. G. Alford,	No. 1	Class.	Frederick Baggs,	No. 6	Class.
Henry Tutewiler,	" 2	"	Jas. W. Harper,	" 7	"
George Tousey,	" 3	"	Thos. Q. Hall,	" 8	"
Lawson Abbett,	" 4	"	Wm. M. D. Hall,	" 9	"
David Hazzard,	" 5	"			

TRUSTEES.

Frederick Baggs,
John W. Ray,
Wm. H. Craft,
Lawson Abbett,
Joseph F. Wingate,
George Tousey,
Albert G. Porter,
Edward G. Cornelius,
George W. Parker.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

John W. Ray.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Rev. Gilbert De La Matyr, D. D., Pastor.
John W. Ray, Superintendent.
William L. Heiskell, } Assistant Superintendents.
Mrs. Nancy K. Igoe, }
Joseph W. Beck, Secretary.
Edward B. Jenkins, Treasurer.
Samuel B. Moffitt, } Librarians.
Frank L. Hereth, }

TEACHERS.

Henry Tutewiler,
Frederick Baggs,
Leonidas M. Phipps,
Thomas Q. Hall,
Robert N. Lamb,
William H. Miles,
Corydon A. Heath,
H. B. McCune,
James W. Harper,
David Hazzard,
Frank L. Spahr,
J. Livingston Thompson,
Wm. M. D. Hall,

Mrs. Anna C. Baggs,
" Lucy Wingate,
" Sarah C. Heath,
" Lou. J. Suffren,
" Emma Blanchard,
" John R. Marot,
" Kate Phipps,
" Helena Harper,
" Rebecca J. Chambers,
" Martha Thompson,
" Sarah J. Eddy,
Miss Mahala Keister,
" Mary Baggs,
" Chippie Spotts.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Andrew Brouse,
John A. Riley,
B. S. Chambers,
G. L. Mathews,
Joseph W. Beck,

Mrs. Louisa Adams,
Miss Maggie Kimball,
" Annie Williams,
" Edith McCune.

SUPERNUMERARY TEACHERS.

Isaac N. Phipps,
William H. Craft,

Mrs. Mary C. Lodge.

Mrs. Anna C. Baggs, *Sunday-school Organist.*

William L. Heiskell, *Chorister.*

THE OLD BELL.

THERE lives in each bell—
As old legends tell—
A beautiful Spirit, that laughs and sings,
When the good bell rings
Merrily.
But sobs and sighs,
And troubles the air, with its mournful cries
When the bell rings drearily.
If so, the Sprite in the ancient bell,
Whose voice rose and fell
To-day, in the paths of azure air,
Calling our feet to the House of Prayer,
Has a story to tell.

Long ago—
This city was only a village then—
A pioneer band of God-loving men
Brought it, with blessing, thanksgiving and prayer,
To its whilom home,
The sky-pointing dome
Of a Chapel, their hands had built there.
And, for twenty long years,
Through seasons of joy and seasons of tears—
In war and peace, through bloom and blight,
In evening gloom, in morning light,
It faithfully called the young and the old
To the gates of peace—to the Savior's fold.
And many a soul, that worshiped there,
When the days of those years were going,
Is worshiping, now, where the land is fair,
And the river of Life is flowing.

Do they still hear the bell,
When its deep tones swell,
As they lean from the walls of heaven,
And join in the service of prayer and praise,
They loved so well, in the dear old days,
When God spake their sins forgiven?
Do they hear, by the throne
Of the holiest one,
The refrain of the songs we are singing,
And come, when we meet,
With their noiseless feet,
Salvation to sinners bringing?
Aye, surely, they come, when the lost return
Repeating the wondrous story
Of the Lamb that was slain,
Yet liveth again—
But our human eyes can not discern
The children of Light and Glory.

The fathers and mothers will meet no more,
In the Chapel they builded long ago,
When their hands were weak, their numbers few,
And their trials sore.
They did, with their might, what they found to do,
In the vineyard of God below;
And, their faith and prayers and labors of love
Are written in archives kept above,
Forever and evermore.
And some have drifted beyond the bar,
Where the Patriarch and Apostles are,
In the light of God's love, forever—
And some still wander along the shore,
Awaiting the stroke of a viewless oar
To bear them over the river.

What memories cling to the dear old bell—
Of bygone joys and vanished youth—
Of strength and beauty, love and truth,
And fair hopes crost—
Of friendship cherished long and well—
Of dear ones lost.
And some remember an evening mild,
When roses crowned the brow of June,
And the sweet wind run, like a playful child
Singing a low, sweet tune.

When the faithful clock, in the belfry tower,
Pointed its hand to a certain hour,
And the good bell rung,
With its iron tongue,
A peal as gay as a troubadour's lay—
A jubilant peal for a wedding day.

The bride was young, and the bride was fair;
Never a trace of grief or care
Had dimmed the beauty, or marred the grace
Of her girlish form and gentle face.
And though, for a moment, her eyes grew dim
With tender tears, half joy, half sorrow,
Born of the thought that even to-morrow
The life of her girlhood would be all o'er,
And the home of her childhood hers no more,
She turned to him,
Her chosen guide,
With a woman's love and a woman's pride,
Freely forsaking all beside.
The words were said—the rite was done,
And the twain were one,
To walk through life in storm and sun.

The years went by with an even tread,
Over the living and over the dead—
And the world went round, with its joy and pain;
And the old bell rung, from its tower again,
Solemn and slow,
Deep and low,
Keeping time to the woe of hearts that bled,
With wounded love, for their sainted dead.
And the silent form, with the cold white face
Beautiful, still, in its womanly grace,
And the small hands, crossed, on the pulseless breast,
Was all that remained of the fair, young bride,
Who had gone to her rest.
She had lived and suffered, loved and died,
As the Lord thought best.
And the bell that pealed, so glad and gay,
The beautiful hopes of her bridal day,
Mournfully tolled, tolled, tolled,
As they bore her away,
To her long, last sleep, in the silent mould.

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Ring on, old bell, in the light, in the dark,
And gather the weak and the tempted in,
From the gates of death, from the paths of sin,
To the beautiful courts of Roberts Park.
Ring out, when the morning sun is high,
Ring on, when the evening stars are set,
Lest men, in this busy world, forget
There is an appointed time to die.
Ring out, where the weary toil—
Where sorrow and pain are rife,
In the deafening din, and ceaseless moil
Of the battle of life.
For He, who opened the eyes of the blind,
And reason restored to the ruined mind
Of the evil possessed—
Who made the maimed and distorted whole,
And raised the dead,
From their lowly bed,
Has promised to bless the contrite soul,
And to give the weary rest.

SARAH T. BOLTON.

HISTORY.

INDIANAPOLIS STATION, having about six hundred members, was divided by the Indiana Conference, Bishop Roberts presiding, at the session held at Connersville, October 19, 1842.

The line was first Pennsylvania street, afterwards Meridian street, dividing the station into Eastern and Western charges, equalizing the numbers by adding to the Eastern charge about sixty members from the circuit northwest of the city.

Rev. John S. Bayless was appointed to the Eastern charge October 19, 1842. He announced that he had come to preach, and he would do so if he had to use the market house, no church building having been provided. This brave speech brought many to join so valiant a leader, and the first year the membership was three hundred. The old court house was used for Sabbath services, and the social meetings were held at private residences.

The first Quarterly Conference was held at the residence of John Wilkens, December 24, 1842, James Havens Presiding Elder, with the following official members continued from the Old Church: Stewards—John Wilkens, Isaac N. Phipps, William Smith, Aaron Johnson, and John D. Thorpe; Class-Leaders—John W. Foudray, Henry Tutewiler, and James Kittleman. In addition, Isaac Newkirk

and Samuel Goldsberry were appointed Stewards, and Joshua Black and Willis W. Wright appointed Leaders. Trustees elected—Samuel Beck, Andrew Brouse, Henry Brown, Samuel Goldsberry, and John F. Hill.

In compliance with the action of the meeting, the trustees purchased the lot on the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Market streets, at a cost of $1,300, and, in the spring of 1843, the building was commenced, the corner-stone being laid by Dr. Matthew Simpson, then President of Indiana Asbury University. During that year the basement was completed, and, at the close of the first conference year, the name was changed to "Roberts Chapel," in honor of Bishop Roberts. The Pastor's first report showed three hundred and twenty-two members, two hundred and six scholars in the Sunday-school, five hundred volumes in the Library, and Calvin Fletcher, Sunday-school Superintendent.

At the Conference of 1843 Roberts Chapel was placed in a district under charge of Joseph Marsee, Presiding Elder.

In 1844 the Church building was inclosed, late in the fall, the inside work carried on during the winter, and the basement finished and occupied early in the spring of 1845.

This year another change was made by dividing the State into two Conferences, and Roberts Chapel placed in the North Indiana Conference, John L. Smith, Pastor.

In the summer of 1846 the entire Church was completed. The basement was divided into a Sunday-school, or lecture-room, and two class-rooms. The upper, or audience-room, would seat about five hundred persons, having a gallery across the north end. The building cost about $7,000, and was built by the united efforts of every member, both rich

and poor—mostly poor persons. The subscriptions were taken in materials, work, goods, tailoring, scrip and cash—in small quantities. As an evidence of how united the workers were, the subscriptions were: One, $900.00; one, $640.00; four, $200.00; seven, $150.00; five, $100.00; eighteen, $50.00; two hundred and fifty-five, from $1.00 to $25.00, the last number giving about half of the entire subscription. Among the most ardent workers were the women of the Church with their sewing-societies, fairs and festivals. Andrew Brouse and Samuel Goldsberry superintended the building.

The Church was dedicated August, 1846, by Dr. Matthew Simpson, President of Indiana Asbury University.

In 1848 the bell was placed on the Church, where it remained until the sale to Judge Martindale, when it was transferred to the new site, and is now in the tower of the new Church.

In 1848 members of this Church started a Sabbath-school in the Madison Railroad Depot. November 17, 1849, this grew into and was organized as the "Depot Mission," afterwards "Asbury Chapel," now "Fletcher Place Church."

In 1849 there were four hundred and seven members of the Church, fifteen classes, well attended; and, it is said by the older members, that there was not a member who did not attend class; three hundred and thirty-nine Sunday-school scholars, who read, during the last quarter of the year, 28,116 chapters in the Bible. Many reported having read the Bible through.

In 1853 the "Town-Clock" was placed in the tower, where it remained until the Church was torn down.

This year a Sunday-school was organized at Bro. J. W. Dorsey's, under the direction of Roberts Chapel Quarterly

Conference, which developed into "North Street," now "Trinity," Church.

In 1855 a brick parsonage was erected in the rear of the Church on Pennsylvania street, costing $2,500.

In 1857 the Annual Conference changed its time of meeting from fall to spring, making the Conference year, this time, only a six months' term.

In 1859 farewell services were held on the departure of Rev. Joseph R. Downey, who was licensed to preach in 1857, and now went as a Missionary to India, where he died after arduous and faithful service.

In 1860 the Ames Institute was organized by the young men of the Methodist Church in the city, and occupied rooms in Roberts Chapel until it was torn down. Great good was accomplished by this association. It entered the mission field, and, in three years, organized five Sunday-schools, which developed into two Presbyterian Churches, viz: "Indianola" and "Ninth;" two Methodist Churches, "Third Street" and "Ames," and one school still continues as "East Indianapolis."

August 26, 1867, the Quarterly Conference appointed John A. Wilkens to take charge of the Sunday-school on East Washington street, which had been started by the Young Men's Christian Association in Spiegel & Thoms' chair factory. The school was moved to Wright's Hall, and, in the fall of 1868, was formed into "Grace M. E. Church," composed of one hundred and five members and ten probationers, to whom letters were given from Roberts Chapel, including the following official members: Joshua M. W. Langsdale, William Moffitt, William H. McLaughlin, Charles R. Phipps, James Bollinger, and Arthur L. Wright.

In 1868 the Old Church grounds and building were sold to Hon. Elisha B. Martindale for $40,000, reserving the pulpit, bell and seats. The last service was held in the Church July 5, 1868. During the week several meetings were held, in which many pleasing reminiscences were brought out, of which the following are noted:

Roberts Chapel! Famed for extensive revivals, exerting a remarkable influence in the Church and over society.

Energetic in forming new and substantial Churches, viz: "Asbury," now "Fletcher Place;" "North Street," now "Trinity," and "Grace M. E. Church," beside giving aid and support to several missions.

No Church trials of its members; the records show: "Complaints, none;" "appeals, none."

During this quarter of a century many were the pleasant and hallowed associations of the membership in the class-meetings, which were held, almost exclusively, at private residences of honored and beloved members, viz: Henry Tutewiler, Andrew Brouse, Eliza Richmond, John Wilkens, Samuel Beck, David Williams, Maria Kinder, and Andrew Smith.

When the building was sold, the First Baptist, Wesley Chapel and Trinity offered the use of their Churches to the now homeless congregation. The Trustees were ordered to purchase the lot corner of Vermont and Delaware street, and procure plans for a new house of worship.

The weekly meetings were, for a time, held at Wesley Chapel, and Sabbath services at Morrison's Opera Hall, kindly tendered free of rent. This not proving convenient, the Trustees built a "Tabernacle" on the new site in thirty days from the time of giving up the old house, which seated

about five hundred, cost $1,785, and was dedicated August 9, 1868, by Dr. Thomas Bowman, then President of Indiana Asbury University.

By Change of Conference boundaries, Roberts Chapel was transferred to the South East Indiana Conference, causing another six months' Conference term.

During the fall of 1869 the foundation of the new building was constructed.

In May, 1870, the name was changed from Roberts Chapel to Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church.

On May 14, 1870, the corner-stone was laid. Prayer by Rev. R. D. Robinson, Presiding Elder; history of the Church, by Hon. Albert G. Porter, and address by Rev. F. C. Holliday, pastor. The articles deposited in the corner-stone were those taken from the corner-stone of the old building, to which others were added. Work was pressed so that the basement was covered by a temporary roof, and the inside completed.

On December 25, 1870, this part was dedicated for Sunday-school purposes, by most appropriate exercises, in which the members of the school took most prominence. The sacrament was administered, followed by recitations, and decorating a rustic cross bearing the inscription, "Only Jesus." A most affecting incident being the members of the class of blind scholars bringing boquets of flowers to place in the shield on the cross, and reciting a short ode written by Granville M. Ballard, Esq.

Judson R. Osgood and Dr. Theophilus Parvin addressed the scholars.

Service was held this day, beginning with general class meeting at 9 A. M., and usual service following.

In 1873 the work of erecting the second story was begun and the building enclosed that fall.

In 1875 the plastering was done, and contracts made for the carpenter work, which progressed until the painters, pew builders and upholsterers have now completed the building, ready to be occupied for the worship of God and elevation of humanity.

No serious accident has occurred during the construction of this edifice, a description of which is here presented.

DESCRIPTION.

ROBERTS PARK M. E. CHURCH, situated in the center of a lot one hundred and ninety-five by two hundred and one feet, on the corner of Delaware and Vermont streets, is built of cut stone from the Elletsville quarries, and presents an exterior of simple grandeur, not often found in modern church buildings. The style of architecture adopted approaches the Romanesque, but is treated freely with essential modern feeling. The dimensions are about 68 by 123 feet, with a tower 21 feet square projecting from the southwest corner. The upper part of the tower and spire are not yet built. It is designed to be built likewise of cut stone, so that the entire exterior of the church building will show the same material.

The depth of the massive foundation walls allows room for a cellar under the entire building, for the use of the steam heating apparatus, etc. The first, or basement story, 10 feet high, contains the Sunday-school and class-rooms. The auditorium, on the principal floor, is 62 by 84 feet, and 34 feet high, with galleries all around the room, sweeping down to the singers' platform in front of the organ. The auditorium, including the galleries, will con-

veniently seat about 1,100 persons. The interior woodwork is of black walnut, and the heavily paneled ceiling in the auditorium is decorated with fresco painting, in a neat, appropriate manner.

THE ORGAN

Is a beautiful and grand instrument of sixty stops, three manuals and thirty pedal notes, from the manufactory of Messrs. Wm. H. Clarke & Co., Indianapolis.

It occupies the entire recess in the rear of the platform, twenty-three feet wide and fifteen feet deep, and is enclosed in a walnut case, of rich design with silver pipes. Two life-like carvings of seraphs, with their instruments, adorn the top. The organ contains two thousand six hundred and six speaking pipes, and its capacity renders it not only capable of giving the most elaborate organ compositions ever written, but a majestic power to sustain two thousand voices in full chorus, a noble leader of the kind of singing in which the Methodist congregations so heartily engage. The organ was consecrated to the service of praise, June 12, 1876.

CONSECRATION OF THE ORGAN.

Open are thy golden mouths,
  Ever waiting to incite
Songs of praise, which raise the soul
  Up from earthly strife and blight;
May thy myriad voices e'er
  With angelic tones unite.

As the Sabbath morn returns,
  Let thy harmonies inspire
Those who long for nobler lives
  With devout, sincere desire,
At the solemn vesper hour,
  Breathe response to Heaven's choir.

Softly swell thy distant notes,
Like a seraph's hymn above;
Soaring with thy thrilling power
To the highest throne of Love;
Trembling now in sweetest strains,
As descends the Spirit dove.

And when mourners tread these aisles,
And their aching hearts are sore,
Comfort give in soothing chords;
Calm their grief, and peace restore;
May thy dreamy, mystic waves,
Bear them toward th' Eternal shore.

When before the altar, stand
Those who pledge their marriage vow,
Join in tender unison
With thy diapasons low;
Bursting forth with joyful sounds,
Let thy trumpets gladly blow.

May no loose and trifling touch
Taint with desecrating hand,
Keys that ope' celestial streams
Flowing on so full and grand.
Thee we consecrate to Faith,
Emblem of the Better Land.

W. H. C.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

Architect, D. A. Bohlen.
Stone Foundation, Helm & Russe.
Cut-stone, Smith, Ittenbach & Co.
Brick-work, Thos. Evans and Miller & Cook.
Carpenter-work, Joseph A. Boerum.
Plastering, Tutewiler & Sutton.
Painting and Frescoeing, Garret D. Green.
Stained Glass, George A. Misch & Bro.
Pews, Grant & Co.
Gallery and Pulpit, Builders' & Manufacturers' Association.
Stairway, John A. D. Mueller.
Organ Builders, W. H. Clarke & Co.
Upholstering, Wilkens & Co.
Gas Fixtures, D. Coulter.

TOTAL COST OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Lot, purchased 1868	$17,000
For Basement, in 1869–70	35,000
For Enclosing Upper Room, 1873	42,000
For Finishing Auditorium, 1875–6	20,000
For Upholstering and Carpets	3,500
For Organ	10,500
Probable Cost of Tower and Spire	12,000
	$140,000

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED BY THE CHURCH.

Purposes.	From 1842 to 1867—25 yrs.	From 1868 to 1876—8 yrs.	Total.
Missions	$13,236 00	$12,125 00	$25,361 00
Other benevolent collections	7,123 00	6,565 00	13,688 00
Presiding Elders	3,430 00	2,700 00	6,130 00
Pastors	18,540 00	25,180 00	43,720 00
Incidental expenses, about	12,000 00	15,000 00	27,000 00
Total	$54,335 00	$61,570 00	$115,905 00

MINISTERS AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

James Havens, October, 1842, October, 1843.
Joseph Marsee, October, 1843, September, 1846.
Richard Hargrave, September, 1849, September, 1849.
William H. Goode, August, 1849, September, 1853.
John H. Hull, September, 1853, April, 1857.
Augustus Eddy, April, 1857, April, 1861.
H. N. Barnes, April, 1861, April, 1865.
John V. R. Miller, April, 1865, April, 1868.
Richard D. Robinson, April, 1868, September, 1872.
Fernando C. Holliday, September, 1872, September, 1876.

PASTORS.

NAMES.	Appointed.	Removed.	Members and Probationers.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.		
				Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
John S. Bayless	Oct., 1842	Oct., 1844	300	No records.		
John L. Smith	Oct., 1844	Sept., 1846	322			
Samuel T. Gillett	Sept., 1846	Sept., 1848	350			
George M. Beswick	Sept., 1848	Aug., 1849	345			
John H. Hull	Aug., 1849	Aug., 1851	401			
William Wilson	Aug., 1851	Sept., 1853	412			
Samuel T. Cooper	Sept., 1853	Sept., 1854	403	52	248	750
H. N. Barnes	Sept., 1854	Sept., 1856	380	43	240	800
John W. T. McMullen	Sept., 1856	April, 1858	440	31	250	800
Charles W. Miller	April, 1858	Oct., 1859	390	41	235	350
William Wilson	Oct., 1859	April, 1861	352	35	248	500
Jacob Colclazer	April, 1861	April, 1863	359	31	225	700
John V. R. Miller	April, 1863	April, 1865	379	47	475	650
A. S. Kinnan	April, 1865	April, 1868	608	49	413	
M. H. Mendenhall	April, 1868	Sept., 1868	773	58	475	
Fernando C. Holliday	Sept., 1868	Sept., 1871	685	39	300	600
Jeremiah H. Bayliss	Sept., 1871	Sept., 1874	668	36	250	500
Gilbert De La Matyr	Sept., 1874	Sept., 1876	701	38	405	500

LOCAL PREACHERS, AND THOSE LICENSED AND SENT TO CONFERENCE.

S. A. Balingall.....1842
Abram Koontz.....1842
G. B. Holland.....1842
N. C. Sullivan.....1844
James Wood.....1845
Thomas Sargeant.....1845
John W. Harryman.....1845
B. T. Kavanaugh.....1848
James Harrison.....1848
Robert Curran.....1850
Thomas T. Stabler.....1851
C. Hetherington.....1852
John G. Smith.....1852
M. P. Armstrong.....1853
H. J. Meek.....1854
J. S. Griffin.....1854
William Barnes.....1854
John Wheeler.....1855
John R. Eddy.....1856
Joseph R. Downey.....1857
Nathaniel Kirk.....1858
John W. Holland.....1860
George Holland.....1863
E. P. Stedman.....1863
Luther R. Norton.....1866
John Jamison.....1866
Lea W. Munhall.....1867
Thomas Nelson.....1867
William H. Edwards.....1867
Frost Craft.....1867
George F. Ackert.....1867
G. W. Lewis.....1867
John B. Abbett.....1867
Simeon Behymer.....1869
William Wilding.....1869
A. S. Kinnan.....1870
James King.....1871
A. M. Dandy.....1871
John D. Crouch.....1871
L. N. Williams.....1871
J. B. Hettinger.....1875

STEWARDS.

NAMES.	Appointed.	Ceased.	NAMES.	Appointed.	Ceased.
John Wilkens	1842	1868	John W. Adams	1865	1866
Isaac N. Phipps	1842	1868	William H. Craft	1865	1867
Aaron Johnson	1842	1847	Samuel Beck	1865	
William Smith	1842	1849	George Tousey	1866	1868
John D. Thorpe	1842	1848	William H. McLaughlin	1866	1868
Isaac Newkirk	1842	1844	John P. Patterson	1866	1870
Samuel Goldsberry	1842	1847	John W. Tutewiler	1867	
Hervey Brown	1844	1846	Charles R. Phipps	1868	1868
Henry Tutewiler	1846	1863	Joseph F. Wingate	1868	1868
Willis W. Wright	1847	1862	John W. Adams	1868	
John S. Evans	1847	1848	Thomas D. Thorpe	1868	1868
William A. Wright	1848	1850	Isaac N. Phipps	1868	
John F. Hill	1848	1857	John A. Wilkens	1868	
Samuel Beck	1849	1863	Leonidas M. Phipps	1868	1875
William H. Karnes	1850	1856	Daniel J. Stiles	1868	1870
Joshua M. W. Langsdale	1856	1863	William Love	1869	
Charles Fisher	1857	1859	Joseph Wert	1870	1871
George Tousey	1857	1863	Granville M. Ballard	1870	1872
Oliver Tousey	1857	1868	John P. Patterson	1871	1875
Andrew Brouse	1859	1869	John M. Olcott	1872	
A. W. Jenkins	1862	1866	Levi Ritter	1875	1875
Isaac H. Roll	1863	1866	Edward M. Wilmington	1875	
F. Reisner	1863	1864	James C. Wheat	1875	
S. M. Bristol	1863	1864	Winfield S. Lynn	1875	
George Tousey	1864	1864	Omer Tousey	1875	

CLASS LEADERS.

NAMES.	Appointed	Ceased.	NAMES.	Appointed	Ceased.
John W. Foudray	1842	1850	Lawson Abbett	1854	
Henry Tutewiler	1842		George W. Hill	1854	1858
Joshua Black	1842	1848	Frederick Baggs	1854	1858
James Kittleman	1842	1852	Joseph Stacy	1855	1861
Willis W. Wright	1842	1849	R. M. Pedicord	1858	1859
John F. Hill	1843	1857	William H. McLaughlin	1857	1858
P. F. Newlin	1844	1845	William Patterson	1857	1858
James W. Hill	1844	1846	Alexander Worth	1858	1861
John Foster	1844	1846	Isaac H. Roll	1859	1859
John Bugh	1844	1844	V. Rothrock	1859	1860
Henry Colestock	1845	1846	William Trick	1860	1860
Theodore Mathews	1845	1849	Frederick Baggs	1861	
Thomas P. Cherry	1845	1846	William H. Craft	1863	1864
William R. Strange	1846	1847	William Smith	1863	1864
Sims A. Colley	1846	1847	Samuel Daniels	1863	1864
Thomas J. Smith	1846	1847	A. W. Jenkins	1863	1864
H. W. Moulden	1846	1848	J. Moninger	1863	1864
Joshua M. W. Langsdale	1849	1868	Delany Wiley	1864	1865
G. L. Strong	1849	1850	Hilary Gobin	1864	1864
Jared P. Ford	1849	1850	William Moffit	1864	1868
H. J. Bradley	1849	1851	John W. Ray	1864	1866
Isaac N. Phipps	1849	1852	Thomas Q. Hall	1865	
Samuel Bristor	1849	1857	Jacob Smith	1865	1866
J. W. Dorsey	1849	1858	J. M. Reid	1866	1866
John M. Phipps	1849	1852	Fuller Smith	1866	1866
William H. Karnes	1849	1854	James Bollinger	1866	1868
William Smith	1850	1852	Edwin R. Phipps	1866	1867
E. C. Hardin	1850	1851	Henry W. Tutewiler	1867	1876
James Keeley	1850	1852	Calvin F. Rooker	1868	1870
William R. Strange	1851	1852	John R. Marott	1868	1871
John D. Thorpe	1851	1852	Omer Tousey	1868	1871
Benjamin Deacon	1851	1852	William Smith	1868	1871
Thomas G. Alford	1852		Thomas Wiles	1871	1875
L. B. Williamson	1852	1857	George Tousey	1871	
S. F. Thompson	1852	1853	William L. Heiskell	1874	1876
John G. Smith	1852	1858	David Hazzard	1875	
Robert Downey	1852	1861	William M. D. Hall	1876	
Robert Jamison	1853	1850	James W. Harper	1876	

TRUSTEES.

NAMES.	Appointed.	Ceased.	NAMES.	Appointed.	Ceased.
Samuel Beck	1842	1850	George W. Hill	1857	1862
Andrew Brouse	1842	1850	Joseph Wert	1859	1865
Hervey Brown	1842	1840	Charles Fisher	1859	1862
Samuel Goldsberry	1842	1840	Isaac H. Roll	1859	1865
John F. Hill	1842	1846	Oliver Tousey	1859	1868
David Reynolds	1846	1848	William H. Craft	1862	1863
James W. Hill	1846	1850	John P. Patterson	1862	1865
John Wilkens	1846	1850	W. F. Wells	1863	1864
Calvin Fletcher	1848	1850	John G. Gates	1864	1865
Frederick Baggs	1850	1852	Lawson Abbett	1865	1866
W. F. Wells	1850	1859	Frederick Baggs	1865	
John F. Hill	1850	1855	John W. Ray	1865	
H. J. Bradley	1850	1854	John W. Tutewiler	1865	1866
Andrew Smith	1850	1852	Arthur L. Wright	1866	1868
Samuel Beck	1852	1854	William H. Craft	1866	
Oliver Tousey	1852	1855	Lawson Abbett	1868	
Andrew Brouse	1854	1855	Joseph F. Wingate	1868	
Joseph S. Boerum	1854	1855	George Tousey	1868	
George W. Hoss	1855	1859	Albert G. Porter	1868	
Frederick Baggs	1855	1857	Edward G. Cornelius	1872	
John A. Lockwood	1855	1859	George W. Parker	1872	
L. B. Williamson	1855	1859			

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SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

1842 to 1850—Calvin Fletcher.
1842 to 1847—John Wilkens.
1845 to 1850—Andrew Brouse.
1842 to 1856—Eliza Richmond.
1843 to 1847—Mary A. Brouse.
1849 to 1858—Henry Tutewiler.
1852 to 1854—C. W. Downey.
1854 to 1855—W. W. Wright.
1847 to 1850—Louisa Kinder.
1855 to 1856—Prof. George Hoss.
1855 to 1856—Mary Boerum.

1857—Calvin Fletcher, H. Tutewiler, Mrs. Eliza Richmond.

1858—Calvin Fletcher, H. Tutewiler, Mrs. Eliza Richmond, Mrs. Sarah J. Lockwood.

1859—G. W. Hill, Arthur L. Wright, Mrs. Isabella Alford, Mrs. Lucy E. Brouse.

1860—Andrew Brouse, Arthur L. Wright, Mrs. Isabella Alford.

1861—Frederick Baggs, Mrs. Isabella Alford.

1862—W. H. Craft, Mrs. Cynthia Housom.

1863—W. H. Craft, Mrs. Isabella Alford.

1864—W. H. Craft, Miss Sarah Kinder.

1865—H. Tutewiler, Mrs. Lucy E. Brouse.

1866—H. Tutewiler, Mrs. Lucy E. Brouse.

1867—W. H. Craft, Mrs. Anna C. Baggs.

1868—W. H. Craft, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Anna C. Baggs.

1869—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Anna C. Baggs.

1870—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Anna C. Baggs.

1871—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Anna C. Baggs.

1872—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. J. H. Bayliss.

1873—Frederick Baggs, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. J. H. Bayliss.

1874—W. H. Craft, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Nancy K. Igoe.

1875—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Nancy K. Igoe.

1876—John W. Ray, W. L. Heiskell, Mrs. Nancy K. Igoe.

NOTE—From 1842 to 1856 the records have been lost, and the facts are gathered from the older members.

DEDICATORY EXERCISES

ROBERTS PARK M. E. SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1876.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY:

MR. WILLIAM H. CLARKE, ORGANIST.

Superintendent—How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O! Lord of Hosts!

School—My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God!

Supt.—Yea, the sparrow hath found an house and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O! Lord of Hosts, my King and my God!

School—Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be still praising Thee. Selah!

Supt.—Behold, O! God, our shield, and look upon the face of Thine annointed.

School—For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Supt.—For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

School—O! Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Supt.—O! sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

School—Sing unto the Lord; bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Supt.—Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people.

School—For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Supt.—For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord made the Heavens.

School—Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Supt.—Give unto the Lord, O! ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

School—Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

All—O! worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, fear before Him all the earth.

HYMN—"Be Joyful in God."—*Christian Songs, p.* 47.

PRAYER.

HYMN—"The Joyful Message."—*Christian Songs p.* 30.

Supt.—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

School—Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

Supt.—Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

School—Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

All—For the Lord is good; His mercy endureth forever, and His truth endureth to all generations.

Bless the Lord, O! my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O! my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

INFANT CLASS—Hymn.

BIBLE PRESENTATION BY INFANT CLASS.

ADDRESS.

HYMN—"The Old, Old Story."—*Christian Songs p.* 80.

Supt.—Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

School—By taking heed thereto, according to Thy word.

10. With my whole heart have I sought Thee. O! let me not wander from Thy commandments.

11. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

12. Blessed art Thou, O! Lord; teach me Thy statutes.

13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.

14. I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

15. I will meditate in Thy precepts and have respect unto Thy ways.

16. I will delight myself in Thy statutes; I will not forget Thy word.

17. Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live and keep Thy word.

18. Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

19. I am a stranger in the earth, hide not Thy commandments from me.

20. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto Thy judgments at all times.

21. Thou hast rebuked the proud, that are cursed which do err from Thy commandments.

22. Remove from me reproach and contempt, for I have kept Thy testimonies.

23. Princes also did sit and speak against me; but Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes.

24. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

33. Teach me, O! Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea! I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35. Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36. Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetuousness.

37. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

38. Establish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear.

39. Turn away my reproach, which I fear; for Thy judgments are good.

40. Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts; quicken me in Thy righteousness.

97. O! how I love Thy law; it is my meditation all the day.

98. Thou, through Thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me.

99. I have more understanding than all my teachers; for Thy testimonies are my meditation.

100. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts.

101. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy word.

102. I have not departed from Thy judgments, for Thou hast taught me.

103. How sweet are Thy words unto my taste; yea! sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104. Through Thy precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

106. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous judgments.

107. I am afflicted very much; quicken me, O! Lord, according unto Thy word.

108. Accept, I beseech Thee, the free-will offering of my mouth, O! Lord, and teach me Thy judgments.

109. My soul is continually in my hand; yet do I not forget Thy law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me; yet, I erred not from Thy precepts.

111. Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112. I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end.

137. Righteous art Thou, O! Lord, and upright are Thy judgments.

138. Thy testimonials that Thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

139. My zeal hath consumed me; because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

140. Thy word is very pure; therefore Thy servant loveth it.

141. I am small and despised; yet do not I forget Thy precepts.

142. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth.

143. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; yet Thy commandments are my delights.

144. The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting; give me understanding and I shall live.

145. I cried with my whole heart: Hear me, O! Lord, I will keep Thy statutes.

146. I cried unto Thee: Save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

147. I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried I hoped in Thy word.

148. Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in Thy word.

149. Hear my voice, according unto Thy loving kindness: O! Lord, quicken me according to Thy judgment.

150. They draw nigh that follow after mischief; they are far from Thy law.

151. Thou art near, O! Lord, and all Thy commandments are truth.

152. Concerning Thy testimonies, I k
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HYMN—"I Love to tell the Story."

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HYMN—"All Hail the I

Supt.—Praise ye the Lo
the Heavens; praise Him

School—Praise ye Hi
all His hosts.

Supt.—Praise ye
ye stars of light.

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Supt.—Praise ye the Lord! Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.

School—Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

All—Praise ye the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent gre[illegible].

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

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